
Cleveland Restoration Society

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Meeting Minutes

Tudor Arms Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

November 13, 2012

All exhibits and attachments referenced herein are on file in the CRS office and are available upon request.

TRUSTEES IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Chesler
Michael Cummins
Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells
Thomas Einhouse
Charles Farro

Greg Frost
Anthony Hiti
Douglas Hoffman
William Hubbard
Gordon Priemer

Rosemary Reymann
Stephanie Ryberg-Webster
Jonathan Sandvick
Anthony Whitfield
Debra Wilson

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

Tom Jorgensen, Chief Operating Officer
Michael Fleenor, Director of Preservation Services
Kerri Broome, Associate Director of Membership and Development
Mary Ogle, Heritage Home Program Specialist
Jessica Ugarte, Heritage Home Program Specialist
Alexa McDonough (AmeriCorps)

I. Chair's Report – Mike Cummins

A. Approval of the September 18th Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the September 18th Board Meeting was seconded and passed by the Board.

B. 40th Anniversary Community Luncheon Reminder

Jeff Greene, President and founder of EverGreene will be the featured speaker at the 40th Anniversary Community Luncheon, on November 20, 2012 at the Tudor Arms Hotel. Table sponsors are needed and Felecia Hall should be contacted for information.

C. The January Board Meeting will occur on Monday, January 28, 5:30-7:30 pm at Cleveland City Hall and will be a celebration of CRS's 40th Anniversary.

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II. President's Report

A. Cuyahoga Arts & Culture Supports CRS

Kerri Broome provided an overview of the CAC's support for CRS and the Board watched CAC's promotional video, which featured CRS's programs. The Board also listened to a recording of CAC's scoring of CRS's grant proposal, which was very insightful as to the value that the CAC sees in CRS's programming.

B. New Membership Brochure

The new brochure was circulated.

C. Recommendation of CRS 40th Anniversary Legacy Project: The African American Experience in Cleveland.

Michael Fleenor and Alexa McDonough provided a summary of the project to survey the African American Experience in Cleveland. A motion to make the project CRS's 40th Anniversary Legacy Project was moved, seconded and passed by the Board.

III. Operations Report – Tom Jorgensen, COO and Jessica Ugarte

A. Update on Heritage Home Program – Jessica Ugarte

Jessica explained that the increased efforts to market the Heritage Home Program have been very successful. The staff has fielded a record number of inquiries about the program and has processed 168 loan applications, of which 40 have been closed. Closing loans is still difficult given the fact that many homes lack sufficient equity to secure the loan. There has also been a significant increase in Ward participation and we have doubled the number of Heritage Partner Cities to 10. We also have a new loan partner, First Federal of Lakewood and have negotiated lower interest rates with both Key Bank and First Federal.

B. National Preservation Conference – Jessica Ugarte

Jessica also reported on her experience as a speaker and an attendee at national preservation conference. Board Member Michael Chesler was recognized for having received one of the National Preservation Awards for his restoration and rehabilitation of the American Society of Metals headquarters building in Novelty, Ohio. It was also noted that the adaptive reuse of the St. Luke's Hospital Building complex also won a National Preservation Award.

IV. Old Business

None

V. New Business

None

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Bill Hubbard, Board Secretary.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 28, 2013 at Cleveland City Hall.